

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Considered:

Impeachment of President Trump: Senate, sitting as a Court of Impeachment, continued consideration of the articles of impeachment against Donald John Trump, President of the United States. **Pages S645–91**

Senate will continue consideration of the articles of impeachment against President Trump, on Thursday, January 30, 2020. **Page S691**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 1:13 p.m. and adjourned at 11:05 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S691.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CHEMICAL SAFETY AND HAZARD INVESTIGATION BOARD

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine stakeholder perspectives on the importance of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after receiving testimony from Chris Jahn, American Chemistry Council, Washington, D.C.; Shakeel H. Kadri, Center for Chemical Process Safety, New York, New York, on behalf of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; and Steve Sallman, United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 785, to improve mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2336, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2864, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program on information

sharing between the Department of Veterans Affairs and designated relatives and friends of veterans regarding the assistance and benefits available to the veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 524, to establish the Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on Tribal and Indian Affairs;

S. 2594, to amend title 5, United States Code, to modify certain requirements with respect to service and retirement for the purposes of veterans' preference for Federal hiring;

S. 850, to extend the authorization of appropriations to the Department of Veterans Affairs for purposes of awarding grants to veterans service organizations for the transportation of highly rural veterans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3110, to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disability and pension benefits provided to members of the National Guard and members of reserve components of the Armed Forces by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 123, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services to which they received was below the standard of care;

S. 450, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to expedite the onboarding process for new medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to reduce the duration of the hiring process for such medical providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3182, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out the Women's Health Transition Training pilot program through at least fiscal year 2020, with an amendment; and

The nomination of Grant C. Jaquith, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

SOCIAL SECURITY IMPERSONATION SCAM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting seniors from the So-

cial Security Impersonation Scam, after receiving testimony from Andrew Saul, Commissioner, and Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General, both of the Social Security Administration; Justin Groshon, Saco Social Security Office, Saco, Maine, on behalf of the National Council of Social Security Management Associations; Nora Dowd Eisenhower, Mayor's Commission on Aging, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Machel Andersen, Ogden, Utah.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 5699–5714, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:35 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rabbi Avraham Hakohen Romi Cohn, Congregation Adas Yereim Vien, Brooklyn, NY.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:27 p.m. and reconvened at 5:59 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, January 30th.

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Student Borrower Credit Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 3621, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to remove adverse information for certain defaulted or delinquent private education loan borrowers who demonstrate a history of loan repayment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 31.

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Rejected the Hill (AR) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-and-nay vote of 201 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 30.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–47, modified by the amend-

ment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–383, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill.

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Agreed to:

DeSaulnier amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires the GAO to study how credit scores are used in rental housing and mortgage determinations, including information on treatment of different demographic populations;

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Shalala amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires the GAO to study how credit scores adversely impacted by a student borrowers defaulted or delinquent private education loan further impacts applying for future loans, including information on treatment of different demographic populations;

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Timmons amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that requires GAO to carry out a study of the compliance by consumer reporting agencies that compile and maintain files on consumers and the impact such compliance has on consumers;

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Steil amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that clarifies that a person's credit report may be used if the report is obtained in connection with a background check or related investigation of financial information that is required by a federal, state, or local law or regulation;

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Gottheimer amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–383) that stipulates that if a credit scoring agency changes their model such that it may negatively impact the credit scores for a group of consumers, then the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has the option to review the new model and prohibit the change if they find the change is inappropriate;

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